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Emergency personnel remove an "injured" student from the rear seat of a wrecked sedan as part of a mock crash staged at Agawam High School earlier this week. The event was designed to send a strong message to students about drinking and driving.

Mock crash shows horrors of drunken driving

Mother of real-life accident victim makes impassioned plea

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – It was a gruesome scene in front of Agawam High School this past Monday morning.

A dark green Chevrolet Avalanche pickup and a tan Chrysler Sebring sedan had collided head on. Five AHS students – two in the Avalanche and three in the Sebring – were on their way

home from the prom. Agawam police and emergency personnel responded to the "crash" scene.

The Sebring's "driver" appeared to be drunk. An Agawam police officer gave the student several field sobriety tests. He failed and was "arrested." Meanwhile, paramedics and firefighters helped students "injured" in the crash.

The Avalanche's "driver" was injected upon impact and was sprawled on the pavement

next to the truck. He "died" at the scene. His front seat passenger had serious injuries. The Sebring's front seat passenger is also dead, but two rear seat passengers survived the crash.

Using the Jaws of Life, firefighters cut off the Avalanche's roof so they could remove the injured front seat passenger. Students hurt in the crash are placed on stretchers and carried to the ambulance. The Avalanche's

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GRIN AND SHARE IT



Turley Publications photo by Kimberly Hatch

Aiden Holloway, 10, of Agawam, clutches the impressive bass he caught during the Mawaga Sporting Club's 25th annual springtime Lunker Trout Derby on April 27. For more photos, please see pages 10-11.

By Mike Lydick
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FEEDING HILLS – When Paul Bowler got the news that he was cancer-free, he wanted to celebrate. So, one of the first things he did was join a team for the 2014 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Agawam.

"Joining a team was one way that I could help communicate the message that cancer can be cured – that it's not a death sentence," said the Feeding Hills resident who was diagnosed with esophageal cancer four years ago.

The diagnosis "was like getting punched in the stomach," said Bowler, 73. "When the doctor called and told me she wanted to see me in her office right away, I knew something was wrong."

When the diagnosis came back as cancer, Bowler wasted no time in getting treatment. Within a week

he was in Boston for surgery. After he returned home, Bowler began chemotherapy and radiation treatment at the D'Amour Cancer Center in Springfield.

A former smoker, Bowler quit 13 years ago, but his gastroenterologist told him the cancer – located at the bottom of his esophagus – was not from smoking, but from silent acid reflux. "It's a very hard cancer to survive," he added.

"I feel lucky to be alive. There's only a 30 percent survival rate for this type of cancer," he said. "It was miraculous."

Now, Bowler, who has spoken about his cancer to five different groups at his church, wants to spread the word that it can be survivable.

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Conservation Commission to inspect wetlands for mitigation

By Christopher Faille
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Conservation Commission scheduled dates and times for personal inspection of two sites in town along the route of Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) transmission lines.

The discussion at the commission's April 24 meeting concerned two projects that arose from WMECO's recent efforts to upgrade its transmission system in the greater Springfield area and in north-central Connecticut. This effort, involving an upgrade of 39 miles of transmission lines along a right-of-way from Ludlow to Bloomfield, Conn., began in 2010.

Early on in that effort, in March 2011, the commission discussed WMECO's plans as they relate to two sites in particular: one the former Boglisch Farm property. WMECO agreed that 30 acres of a 110-acre parcel would be put under a conservation restriction and used as a "mitigation area" for the Greater Springfield Reliability Project. Mitigation area is a wetlands-law term of art, referring to projects that offset the unavoidable negative consequences of certain permitted industrial activity upon such land.

The other site of concern stands south of Silver Street, a couple of parcels that total about 9.88 acres. A conservation restriction was likewise placed on these parcels for

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Council meetings now available on town website

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam City Council is embracing the advantages that have come with the Internet as well as the updated town website, which has been dubbed as much more accessible and user-friendly.

With the launch of the new website a couple of months ago, the city council is now uploading full audio and video of their meetings. The videos will allow residents who are unable to attend meetings or watch them on television to view the meetings and keep up on the legislative body's actions.

The city council regularly meets every first and third Monday of the month with some exceptions for holidays and the summer schedules. The meetings are broadcast live on the town's Channel 15 public access channel.

With the move to having entire meetings made available to the public, the council agreed unanimously at their April 22 meeting to change the rules and regulations of the city council to eliminate verbatim minutes of the meeting. Prior to the meeting, the minutes from all council meetings had to be fully transcribed by the council's administrative assistant. The transcription, depending on the length

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Survivors eager to finish fight against cancer



Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

Paul Bowler and his wife, Elaine, look at some of the prayer and get-well cards that Bowler received four years ago when he was recovering from esophageal cancer. Now cancer free, the Feeding Hills resident will be participating in the 2014 American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Agawam.

SLOW NEWS DAY



Turley Publications courtesy photo

Randy Ennis shared this photo of painted turtles sunning themselves in the pond at Robinson State Park last week. "Robinson is really starting to wake up after the 'winter without end,'" he said.

Letter Carriers Food Drive to benefit local pantries

On Saturday, May 10, letter carriers in over 10,000 cities and towns across America will deliver much more than mail when they walk and drive along their postal routes. They also will collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers participating in the 22nd annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) National Food Drive – the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

Postal patrons will be asked to leave non-perishable food items by their mailboxes,

which will then be picked up by the letter carriers or rural carriers for distribution to the food pantries in their own cities and towns. All major cities and towns in Western Massachusetts will be participating in the drive.

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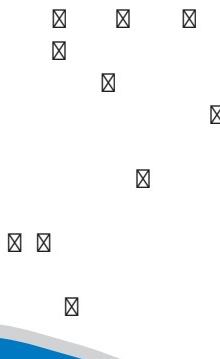
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Each week Agawam Advertiser News will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.



Turley Publications photo by Kimberly Hatch
This mischievous sprite occupies an outdoor landscape in Agawam. Tell us, do you know where it's located?

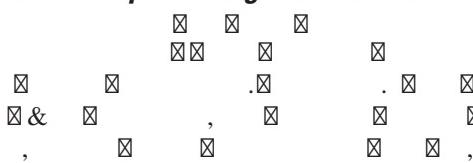


Last week's photo: Pat Lemay was the first person to correctly identify the lingering scarecrow on Silver Street. She may have had some "inside" information, though, given it is her house that was featured.



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Resident seeks relief from din of neighboring wood shaver

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – A Feeding Hills man is seeking the town's help in having a longstanding quality-of-life issue rectified.

Matt Reardon addressed the Agawam City Council at its April 22 meeting at Roberta Doering School and asked the councilors to investigate a decision made by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) four years ago.

Reardon, who resides next door at 316 North West Street, claims the owners of the property in question, listed as Derrick and Nicole Turnbull, have a business that involves some sort of manufacturing.

Reardon claims in the spring of 2011, a new apparatus was brought into operation at the property and concerns of the neighbors were "brought to fruition." He said the machine's engine drone and wood ripping sounds have disturbed his peace, and said he and other neighbors were ignored by the ZBA.

"More than a dozen abutters and surrounding neighbors spoke out against the petition at the two (previous) ZBA meetings," said Reardon. "Neighbors' concerns included additional noise, traffic and health concerns, not to mention the legality for allowing such a manufacturing operation to exist in this neighborhood. However, the ZBA granted approval with what seemed to many of us a very limited and cursory investigation."

In October 2010, Derrick Turnbull approached the ZBA and requested that he be allowed to install a 40-inch wood shaving machine. A building was proposed to house the machine that would be insulated. The pine shavings produced by the new machine would be used for bedding for Turnbull's farm animals, he said.

One resident who spoke at that hearing, Robert Brown, believed his property value would suffer as a result. Eight more people, including Reardon, also spoke against the petition.

Information was also submitted to the ZBA regarding the health effects of having a wood shaving operation in a residential neighborhood.

Reardon argued that the machine is for industrial use while the ZBA ruled it was for commercial use and was an accessory for farming. One ZBA member said Turnbull should be able to have the machine by right. The petition was granted 3-0 by the ZBA on Oct. 25, 2010.

Since that time, Reardon says his quality-of-life has suffered with the noise. He says the daily rumbles of the machine have caused disrupted mornings, noise-filled days and sleepless nights.

"I have personally made phone calls, sent emails and written letters to and visited various city officials and departments expressing how this operation next door is negatively affecting my family's quality-of-life and our property value," said Reardon. "Several other neighbors have done the same."

Reardon told the council he does not want to deprive someone else the ability to make a living.

"However, I am confident this council can surely understand that a right to work does not trump a taxpaying homeowner's right to a quiet, comfortable and stress-free environment in which to live," said Reardon.

Reardon requested the council use its resources to examine the situation and rectify the current conditions he and his neighbors are dealing with. Council members did not directly respond to Reardon's request during the meeting.

Turnbull's operation is used to provide bedding for livestock not just on his farm, but others as well.

Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun on Sunday, May 18. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m., or sooner if everyone is present. The bus will arrive back at AHS at 8:15 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per person, which includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited. Early reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. For reservations, call Pat at 786-1782 or Rose at 786-5134.



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Pictured, left to right, are the volunteers for last Saturday's Drug Take Back at Agawam Town Hall: Laurie Benoit, Mary Gazillo, Charles White, Health Agent Randy White and Board of Health Chairman Bill Euliano.

Drug Take Back Day a success

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Led by Health Agent Randy White, the volunteer Medical Reserve Corps braved the pouring rain last Saturday, April 26, and joined health and public safety officials all over the country in the semi-annual Drug Take Back Day at Agawam Town Hall.

White says the volunteer group helps to make sure events like this go smoothly and people's health and wellness are looked after in town.

The Drug Take Back is done with support from the federal Drug Enforcement Agency. Agawam residents were invited to bring their prescription drugs that are outdated or otherwise unnecessary to use and turn them in to be destroyed. Health officials box up the drugs and they are inspected and brought to Bondi's Island where they are burned in an incinerator.

The Drug Take Back was held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., but in just the first hour, the volunteers had secured two large bags of old and expired medications. White said a majority of the people who dispose of the medications are senior citizens, many of whom do not have a means of getting rid of their medication and welcome the chance to do it properly twice a year.

"The DEA holds them twice a year on the last Saturday in April and then the last Saturday in October," said White. "Not every town sets up a location, but we have a lot of people that take advantage of the service."

Bill Euliano, chairman of the Board of Health, said he and the MRC like to sup-

port as many functions as they can, and the Drug Take Back is one of the most popular events.

"By the turnout we continue to have," said Euliano, "this is something that is definitely needed here in town."

In addition to taking back dry drugs, White says Agawam offers the additional service of taking old needles from residents. Needles are typically used by diabetics. Agawam has to pay to get rid of the needles as they are considered more of a biohazard.

White says few illegal drugs have been brought to the take-back, but residents can bring those types of drugs with no questions asked.

"This is an anonymous event," said White. "There are no questions asked, and we are not going to go after anyone. We just want to help get the drugs off the street."

Prescription drugs that are not used by the person that is possessing them are considered illegal, Euliano said.

For many years, holders of prescription medication have been told to flush their expired or unused medications down the toilet. Now, people are being discouraged from doing that by the Department of Public Health (DPH).

The DPH is now making grants available to communities to purchase bins that can be placed at public locations to leave their medications. Southwick recently took advantage of a grant and now has a collection bin at their police station.

White said Agawam is hoping to get a similar container or kiosk for public use in a public building.

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Announcement - Free electronic hearing tests will be given from Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm at Avada Hearing Care Centers at 9 locations in Western Mass. Call to find the location nearest to you. The test has been arranged for anyone who suspects they are not hearing clearly. People who usually say they can hear but have trouble with understanding words are encouraged to come in for the tests. The testing includes newly-developed tests that determine your ability to hear speech in noisy environments. Everyone, especially those over 55 who have trouble hearing words clearly, should have a test annually. Demonstrations of the latest devices to improve clarity of speech will be available, on the spot, after the tests. You can HEAR for yourself if the latest methods of correction will help you understand words better. Call for your Appointment

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Opinion

Reunited and it feels so (kinda) good

WASHINGTON, DC - It's no surprise that my older son Timmy's favorite part of our family reunion sojourn to Washington, D.C. last week was flying with dad inside a jet fighter simulator at the Air and Space Museum. And for my younger 6-year-old Chris, while he openly begged to see the White House until two blocks from reaching it, a quick return to the hotel pool was always on his mind as was an eight-block free ride on daddy's back to the too distant Federal Square Metro station.



Tim Kane

Though a native to Central Mass., I spent many summers as a kid living in my grandfather's home just outside our nation's Capitol in Kensington, Maryland in its quaint, all brick facade Cape.

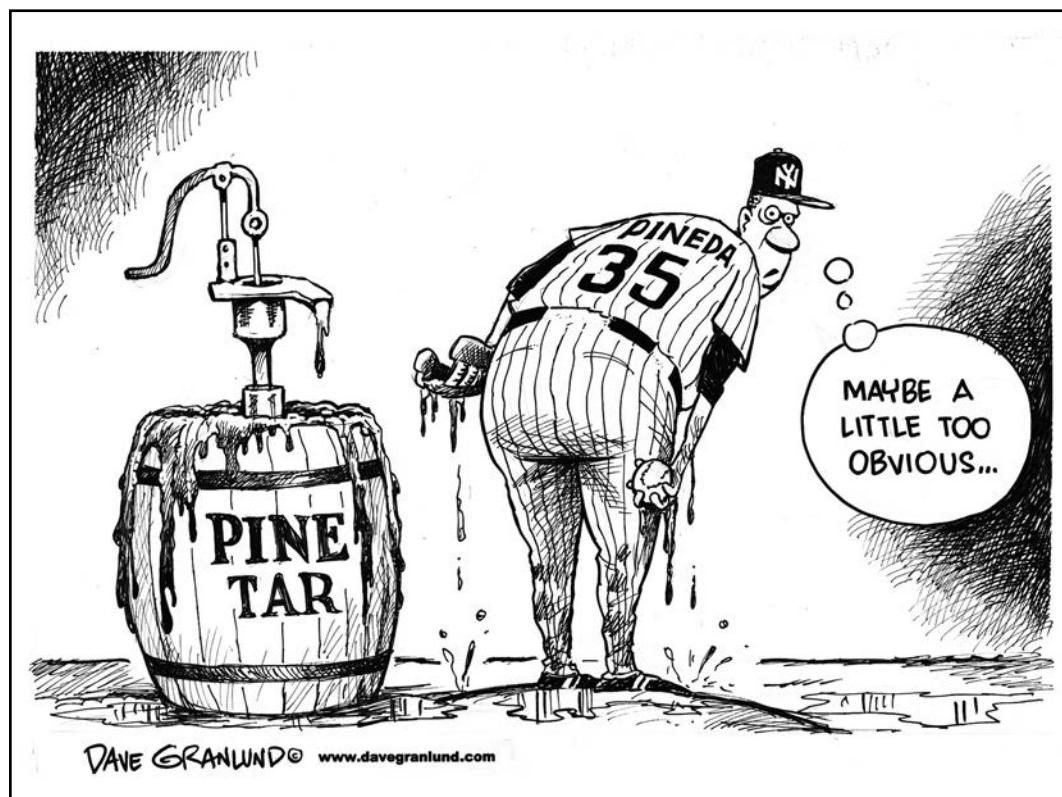
Grampa Kane - a Presidential-decorated career CIA agent based at Langley - was like a father to me and died way too young back in 1987. Gramma Kane just turned 97 and is well known as being the most active gal at her senior living facility in nearby Silver Spring.

Part of the joy in seeing her and other extended family down south is the opportunity to tour around my favorite city. It was also really the first time my two boys had been there without thick diapers and strollers. Their experience generated mixed results of success. They didn't last long at our first stop. The Newseum, which is dedicated to the rich history of newspapering, radio and television news, had a rather odd large exhibit area dedicated to the fictional movie "Anchorman 2". Ticket sales must be rough. My boys found only two exhibits there interesting for about two minutes, mainly because they were both about journalism during war and early spy eras. Bad call. Blame daddy. Sorry.

From there, we quickly fled across the Mall to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Perhaps it was the large crowds gathered there, but Chris's attention span waned immediately after touring through the antiquated moon rover capsule that was dangling there back when I was six years old. He had to be taken outside by dearest wife Danielle for risk of a complete meltdown. On the last stop of the day, his only remark about our President's home was the grounds sure looked run down as Timmy contemplated jumping the fence in front of Secret Service agents with rocket grenades. Perhaps the bad winter is partly to blame, but I sure remember the White House grounds - at least what we can see of them in today's age of heightened security - looking a lot more pristine when we last visited there in 2007. Our hotel's tiny urban lawn should not look better than the most famous house in the world. Sign of the times, I guess.

Day 2 brought more hope for the Kanes. After the boys jockeyed for elevator button position at the hotel with the loser inevitably whining between floor 12 and the lobby, we started the day with a free hotel breakfast. Chris ate the skin only off of his favorite apple while Timmy poured his daily bowl of Apple Jacks and sat right next to his younger brother, knowing full well that he hates the smell of cereal. What is it about brothers and their constant need to agitate each other? A nice finish to the meal was a strange woman teaching our boys how to draw a face on a piece of paper using just an oval and a six-point sketching system. She then talked about Nixon Watergate conspiracies until I kindly ended the conversation.

We then journeyed to the Museum of Natural History where both boys - AKA mommy - were able to gather very useful information about our second President John Adams and the Star Spangled banner, both of which are school projects due this week. There's nothing better than doing homework on vacation. We then tried to have lunch with other family members in the cafe downstairs, but the scene was like a crowded wartime mess



Turley Publications photo by Tim Kane

The Kane boys stand in front of the Washington Monument last Saturday, which is nearing reconstruction completion following significant damage from an earthquake in 2011. They enjoyed the walk along the closed fencing area.

hall and the \$62 price of lunch for the four of us was absolutely ridiculous. The rest of the day was spent outside walking what seemed like 10 miles from the Mall to the Washington Monument, which

was closed, to the WWII memorial where our sweet Timmy personally thanked 10 different veterans in wheelchairs, and onto the reflecting pool and Lincoln Memorial. We were quite tired after that stretch, but Danielle wanted to keep going on to the Korean War Monument - my other past Grandpa McInerney was a purple heart recipient of that awful war - and then to her favorite President Franklin Roosevelt's waterfall rock gardens a very long stroll down the Potomac River walkway. We should have taken a bicycle cab or something because she didn't stop there. We kept going downstream to the Jefferson Memorial about another mile away. And once finished, she wanted to grab a relaxing paddleboat ride in the adjacent inlet. Suffice to say, the long walk back to the nearest Metro red line where we started the day was a painful exercise in patience.

Day 3 brought a very cool trip to the National Zoo - though it desperately needs more bathrooms - ending with a beautiful family reunion luncheon that started with us at Wheaton Park, where I was beat up as a kid by a bunch of punks who were picking on my older sister. Half of my family got lost finding each other here and after sending smoke signals through the rose gardens, we finally reunited back at my grandmother's facility sharing a great meal of pizza and chips. Luckily, my wife drove home in six hours from DC the next morning so I could work from the road.

The greatest part of the trip for me - other than reuniting with family members - was seeing spring evolve literally before our eyes after traveling over the George Washington Bridge in NYC. D.C.'s beautiful cherry blossoms were in full bloom as was just about everything else in the sunny 70-degree weather. The saddest part was driving back home to what still seems like winter.

I would do the family trip all over again in a heartbeat, but definitely bring the bicycles next time.

- Tim Kane is executive editor of Turley Publications. His feet are still sore.

Letter to the Editor

Lack of interest cancels art show

To the editor:

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library has cancelled the first Open Juried 3D Art Object Show scheduled for June. Although the show was heavily advertised, there was only minimal interest shown by artists in entering the show. The Friends use early-bird registrations as an indicator of interest in the show, and unfortunately, there were too few registrations to make the show happen.

Bob Kadis, Chairman
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Tickets available for 'German Night' at the Turnverein

The Ladies Glee Club and the Men's Singing Section of the Springfield Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host "German Night," Saturday, June 7.

Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner served from 6-7 p.m. and dancing

with music provided by "The Vagabonds." On the menu for the event is baked chicken breast, rice pilaf, vegetables, dessert, and coffee or tea.

Reservations are required by June 4 and may be made by calling Wilma Gillan at (413) 786-4671.

How wonderful! Winter is past. Spring is here. The symphony of new life seems to shout 'rejoice,' 'be renewed.' Frozen lawns thaw and rain-drenched woodlands melt and emit the unique fragrance – spring's scent. We bask in the sun. Its warmth penetrates our winter bones. We turn from yesterday's disappointments and look away from today's worries. The seed of hope breaks its buried husk, sinks a deep tap root, and hopeful expectancy pushes upward through the soil's surface. We have lightness of heart.

In our lives, hope sometimes has been locked away in closets of disappointment, supplanted by worry and fear. Our protective mechanisms, our habits developed in childhood, which so successfully guarded our hearts, have become obstacles – barriers keeping us from our 'spring thaw' – blocking us from truly loving ourselves, one another, and our God.

There are treasures in the snow. The crocus cannot help itself and pushes through the frost and joyfully blooms. And so we may bloom, despite the depth of cold and darkness we harbor. Each of us has been created, in the very depth of our being, a spirit which thrives in the sunlight. Our roots are established by faith in understanding that we have a Father who is, and that His desire is that we be renewed in him.

Have you ever been invited to a friend's new house? Or to explore a new store? Or a park? Did you stop at the doorway, at the entrance, and go no further? Did you decide,

stopping inside the screen door or the gate, that you had seen it all? Probably not. Probably you opened the gate and burst inside exploring every nook and cranny. Perhaps you found the most comfortable chair and made yourself at home.

This is what our Father wants us to do in his house. He's invited us in. He even prepared the door through which we might enter. He encourages us to be renewed as we visit him. Don't stop at the threshold, but come in and make yourself at home. As we explore we'll find his love will displace worry and fear. As we rest in his house, our spring thaw is inevitable. The key is: resting in him.

John was called the disciple Jesus loved. John rested in the bosom of Jesus – head buried on his chest in perfect peace. This is a natural example of Father's desire for where he wants us to be. Abandoned in him, drinking him in, resting (and maybe not even understanding), just resting. This is what we have been created for. We were not made for worry. We were not made for fear. The more time we spend with him, the more like him we will become.

A young child, hearing that Jesus lives in the heart, laid his head on his mom's chest and listened. "What do you hear?" Mom asked. Thump-bump, thump-bump. "Shhh," he replied, "I think he's making coffee." As we lay our heads on His chest, I pray we smell the coffee.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You." Isaiah 26:3

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Public Safety POLICE LOG

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Wednesday, April 23

Scott D. Ruby, 54, of 15 Valentine St., Agawam, was arrested on a warrant.

Thursday, April 24

Matthew W. Clark, 32, of 27 Harwinton Ave., Torrington, Conn., was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery and intimidating a witness.

Andrea O'Sullivan, 27, of 37 Chatham Drive, Longmeadow, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Friday, April 25

Zachary J. Plamondon, 20, of 413 Barry

FIRE

LOG

responded to Spruce Circle for citizen complaint.

On April 26 at 11:23 a.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On April 26 at 11:48 a.m., the department responded to Silver Street for lockout.

On April 26 at 1:04 a.m., the department responded to Griffin Place for citizen complaint.

On April 26 at 2:10 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On April 26 at 7:54 p.m., the department responded to Fernwood Drive for lockout.

On April 27 at 6:17 p.m., the department responded to Amherst Avenue for dumpster or other trash receptacle fire.

On April 28 at 1:32 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for lockout.

On April 28 at 3:21 p.m., the department responded to Karen Lynn Circle for oil or other combustible liquid spill.

On April 28 at 4:24 p.m., the department responded to M Street for brush or brush and grass mixture fire.

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 66 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from April 22 to April 28.

On April 25 2:16 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for system malfunction, other.

On April 25 at 2:34 p.m., the department responded to Elm Street for brush or brush and grass mixture fire.

On April 25 at 3:22 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other

On April 25 at 6:45 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for building fire.

On April 25 at 3:47 p.m., the department responded to Dogwood Lane for unauthorized burning.

On April 25 at 8:14 p.m., the department responded to Marla Place for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On April 25 at 9:14 p.m., the department responded to Spruce Circle for forest, woods or wildland fire.

On April 26 at 9:30 a.m., the department

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Mock crash shows horrors of drunken driving

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driver remained on the ground, now covered with a white sheet.

According to AHS Principal Steve Lemanski, the 45-minute mock crash demonstration sent "a very strong message" to students. He said staging a realistic crash scene is part of the school's effort to help prevent tragic accidents.

"It was designed to have a lasting influence," Lemanski said. "We wanted to make them think about the consequences of their decisions when they drive."

Devastating effect of drunk driving

According to safety organizations, events such as this dramatic mock crash sometimes have only a limited impact on students. That's why the mother of a former AHS student spoke at the end of the demonstration.

Barbara Bard and her family know the real agony and grief of losing a loved one in a drunken driving crash. A year ago this month, her daughter Evan, a 2010 AHS graduate, died in a crash after her ex-boyfriend drank and then decided to drive.

"I just want to tell you that it does happen in Agawam. It is real," Bard told the nearly 600 juniors and seniors who stood outside the school's main entrance to watch the mock crash.

"My daughter, knowing she had had a drink, made the mistake of trusting (her boyfriend) and getting into his car for a ride back to her dorm. Our lives will never be the same again – ever," she said.

Bard, her voice cracking with emotion, explained that her father – Evan's grandfather – couldn't deal with Evan's death. She said he died "pretty much of a broken heart" almost six months to the day after Evan did.

"You have to stop thinking it will never be me. I'll just do this one time," said Bard, whose son Elijah is a junior at AHS. "Well, that's all it takes. And it's not enough to just put your seat belt on, because, guess what? Evan was buckled up and the drunk driver was not. He made it – she did not."

Bard said she and Evan, who would have graduated college this month, had been texting the night of the crash. She had told Evan to make good choices.

"I hadn't heard back from her for a while. Then, at 11:55 p.m., I received a text saying, 'I'm okay Mommy. I love you,'" she

recalled. That was five minutes before the crash. Bard implored students to "please, please, please, think before you drink."

Agawam Police Officer Robert Burke, school resource officer at AHS, said the goal of the demonstration was to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving.

"If this demonstration saves just one life, it's well worth it," he said.

Lemanski added that the event is not just for the school's upcoming prom this Friday. "Graduation and the rest of their lives are ahead, and making appropriate, safe decisions are a part of everyday life," he said.

AHS students play active role in mock crash

Five students from the school's drama club took an active role in the dramatization.

Drama students portrayed victims in the crash while a student from the Future Medical Careers Club narrated details about the accident to students.

Allison Bessette, who played the front seat passenger who was "killed," said the mock crash is an "important way we can show kids the consequences of drinking and driving."

Laurel Gieda, who played an "injured" student, said many of her classmates think a drunk driving crash is something that can't happen to them. "But it does. They may be at a party, having fun and not thinking. Hopefully, after seeing this demonstration they will be more careful and think more about the consequences," she said.

Darren Lussier, another "injured" student, said he's heard stories from his parents about their high school friends who were involved in drunk driving crashes. "This isn't something to ignore. It happens to more people than they want to believe," he said.

According to the National Highway Safety and Traffic Administration (NHTSA), motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the U.S. Each year, more than 5,000 teens (ages 16-20) are killed in passenger vehicle crashes.

The school coordinated the mock crash with the town's police and fire departments, which participated as the first responders. The Avalanche now sits on the school's lawn as a daily reminder of the dangers of drinking and driving.



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Agawam police officers help a "driver" who appears to be drunk get out of his car following a head-on collision. The scene – part of a mock crash demonstration – played out in front of nearly 600 AHS juniors and seniors earlier this week.



Agawam paramedics tend to an "injured" AHS student who has been removed from a truck that was involved in a head-on collision involving a drunk driver. The scene was staged in front of the school to show juniors and seniors the consequences of drinking and driving.

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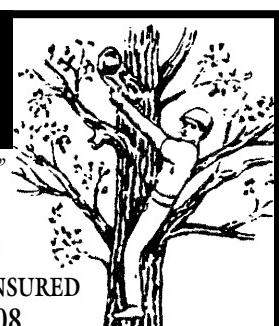
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Survivors eager to finish fight against cancer

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'Good medicine and good doctors'

He attributes his recovery to prayer and medicine. "Prayer brought me the right combination of good medicine and good doctors," he said.

Bob Rendrick also believes he is cancer-free today because of "great doctors" and improved medical treatments. Five years ago, the Agawam resident had his cancerous bladder removed and replaced with a neo-bladder made from his small intestines.

"I'm grateful to have survived cancer," said Rendrick, a member of Team Bumpa's Crew.

His wife, Ellen, is team captain, and he decided to participate because it helps bring "hope and support" to others who have been touched by cancer.

"People need to be enlightened about the truth. The cancer society gives people the hope to help them fight this terrible disease," he added.

Boyer said it's important to have the annual Relay because it brings people together to find a cure for cancer by raising funds to support research and new treatments. That's why he signed up when he was asked to join a Relay team at St. John's Church in Agawam.

"I joined the church's Team Friends because there's so much that can be done for people with cancer – and as a survivor I want to help," he said.

Relay to honor cancer survivors

Just before the 2014 Relay For Life of Agawam starts on Friday, May 16, at the Agawam High School sports field and track, Bowler and Rendrick will join many other local cancer survivors at a special reception and dinner for survivors and caregivers.

During the Relay, cancer survivors will be honored and invited to participate in the inspirational "Survivor's Lap" that opens the Relay.

"Having survivors walk the first lap shows they are unified in their victory over cancer and in the continuing fight against cancer," said Janine Iacolo, who chairs the committee.

Conservation Commission to inspect wetlands for mitigation

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wildlife habitat protection, as required by a number of state and federal agencies and the Conservation Commission's own order of conditions, in connection with the Agawam to West Springfield Circuit Separation Project.

Last year, WMECO completed work on the upgrade, and it has now asked the commission for a certificate that it is in compliance with the mitigation/conservation commitments it made in 2011.

Conservation Commission Chairman Henry Kozlowski did most of the talking at last Thursday's meeting, and Robert Young, of Burns & McDonnell (an environmental consultancy), spoke on behalf of WMECO and parent company Northeast Utilities (NU).

"I believe mitigation is not just something for now, that it is an ongoing responsibility," Kozlowski said.

Young agreed and said that NU/WMECO would continue to monitor conditions on the affected sites for 10 years.

Kozlowski said that the commission couldn't grant a certificate of compliance until its members do a personal inspection of the sites involved. Much of the remainder of the discussion focused on dates and times for that.

"Is it your hope or intention to see everything?" Young asked.

"As much as we can," said Kozlowski.

Commission members reached a tentative agreement to set aside three hours on Tuesday, May 6, and a like block of time on Thursday, May 8, to look over the land affected by the first conservation restriction, the Boglisch Farm property. They then agreed to set aside time on Friday, May 7, to look at the parcels south of Silver Street.

Issuance of the two certificates of compliance was tabled until May 8, upon completion of those inspections.

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tee planning the Relay.

As survivors walk the track, the rest of the event's participants surround the track to cheer them on. According to the American Cancer Society, cancer survivors are those people who define themselves as such from the time of their diagnosis through the balance of their lives.

"One of the reasons to hold the Relay is to celebrate life and to show that here is hope for a cancer-free future," said Iacolo. "This reception and dinner celebrates survivors who have defeated cancer. We also ask them to help us remember loved ones lost to cancer by joining in our evening luminaria ceremony. We want everyone in the community to know that we will not stop until we finish the fight against cancer."

Jennifer Ducharme, a Relay specialist for the cancer society who has been assisting the planning committee, said it's important that cancer survivors and caregivers planning to attend the reception register in advance. They can register at www.relayforlife.org/agawamma or by calling 413-493-2150. She added that in addition to having an accurate count to plan the reception/dinner, ACS wants an accurate number of survivors in specific communities for statistical data so it can better allocate programs and services.

"Programs and services are best offered in areas where we know there is a need," said Ducharme.

Iacolo said all survivors and caregivers are welcome at the 5 p.m. reception and dinner. Each survivor will get a commemorative Relay For Life survivor T-shirt to wear during the Survivor's Lap.

Bowler, who has had some other health problems recently, has been working to regain his strength so he can walk around the track to help kick off the Relay.

"I don't know how far I will make it, but I'm thrilled that I can participate this year," he said.

Council meetings now available on town website

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of the meeting, is a long, arduous process and Council President Christopher Johnson said the assistant's time would be better spent doing other functions when the meeting's content is available online.

"It's very difficult to transcribe minutes when there are two or three people talking at once sometimes," said Johnson.

Previous councils have ruled against eliminating verbatim minutes, opting to keep the detailed minutes for better translation and understanding.

The state updated open meeting laws a few years ago, but the actual rules for how much information meeting minutes must contain is still very basic. To meet the minimum requirements for state law, minutes must contain a list of topics that were discussed and the results and votes of actions taken by the governing body. Detailed paragraphs are not required, but the names of people who speak and what they speak about are required. Agawam's council rules dictated the more detailed minutes.

According to the revision of the council rules, audio and video for the meetings is required. The written minutes will be required to have the basics as required by state law, and will also have summary paragraphs of the discussions that take place at each meeting. Documents and exhibits used at the meeting will also be included in the minutes, which are approved by the council before they are released to the public.

Councilors also agreed to amend Rule 10 regarding standing sub-committees and will now allow the president and vice president to serve as ex-officio members of all sub-committees. They will only serve for purposes of establishing a quorum for a sub-committee meeting. The city council has four sub-committees with five members on each committee.

Johnson said he hopes the opportunity for himself and the council vice president to serve as ex-officio members will keep the flow of government moving along in the event sub-committee members are unable to make meetings.

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Weekly calendar of events

Monday, May 5: Chapter 2 Trip to Mohegan Sun; 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club, Ear Masters Free Hearing Screening; 10 a.m., Fallon Ins. Meeting; American Red Cross Blood Drive noon-6 p.m. (classes cancelled); 1 p.m., Bingo,

Tuesday, May 6: Mother's Day Plant Sale Begins (while supplies last); SHINE Representative Available (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting, Sewing; 10 a.m., PACE; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("The More the Merrier"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, May 7: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 10 a.m., Friends Meeting; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 6 p.m., Western Mass. Genealogy Meeting.

Thursday, May 8: 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class, Free Blood Pressure Check; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, May 9: Mother's Day Luncheon (reservations required); 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art Class; 9:30 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Lunch menu

Monday, May 5: Taco salad w/lettuce, tomato, rice, beans, taco meat, cheese and tortilla chip, apples.

Tuesday, May 6: Lasagna and meatballs, fresh garden salad, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, May 7: Roast pork loin, applesauce, gravy, roasted potatoes and carrots, pudding.

Thursday, May 8: Big beef burger topped with peppers and onions, potato salad, peaches.

Friday, May 9: Chicken with veggie and shrimp sauce, confetti rice, squash casserole, homemade cream puffs.

'EvvGirl' event to benefit Baystate Children's NICU

The Second Annual EvvGirl Red Sox Bus Trip versus Tampa Bay is scheduled for Saturday, May 31. The bus will leave Agawam High School at 3:30 p.m. for the 7:15 p.m. game. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes the game ticket and bus ride. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase webcams for Baystate Children's NICU.

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There will be a beer and wine tasting presented by the Westfield River Brewery and the new Towne Liquor Store opening in Agawam. Hors d'oeuvres will also be served.

Regional business vendors will display and sell their goods and services, including clothing, jewelry, scarves, cosmetics, services and more. There will be a 50/50 raffle and raffle drawings from the vendors.

Tickets for the event are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. To take advantage of the \$10 advance price, register at www.asbac.net and tickets will be available the night of the event.

All proceeds after expenses will go for informational and educational programs and workshops put on by ASBAC for small business owners in the Western Massachusetts region.

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Docket No. HD14P0741EA

Estate of: Marcie Jo Bazyk

Date of Death:

January 18, 2014

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Regena M. Parker of Eastham MA.

Regena M. Parker of Eastham MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Docket No. HD14P0773EA

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Lindy E. Dorman
Date of Death: 12/21/2013
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Tina L. Cioffi of Windsor Locks, CT, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Tina L. Cioffi of Windsor Locks, CT has been informally appointed as the

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Docket No. HD14P0286EA

Estate of:
James Korney
Date of Death: 12/16/2013
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: James M Korney of Portsmouth RI requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 05/20/2014

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

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Rescigno graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman 1st Class Anthony P. Rescigno graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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Rescigno, a 2010 graduate of Agawam High School, is the son of Barbara and Paul Rescigno, of Feeding Hills.



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Airman 1st Class Anthony P. Rescigno

On the shelf at the Agawam Public Library

Local author M.P. Barker returns to the Agawam Public Library's AuthorTalk Series Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m. to present her new book, "Mending Horses." This deeply moving sequel to "A Difficult Boy" weaves an indelible piece of historical fiction into a gripping adventure that explores themes of patience, courage, kindness and the true meaning of family.

M.P. Barker is also an author of two non-fiction books and a freelance historical consultant. For more information, visit www.mpbarker.net.

To bring awareness to National Mental Health Awareness Month, author Benjamin Boone will visit the library to present his book, "Minority of Mind," Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. "Minority of Mind" details Boone's personal struggle with schizophrenia in early adulthood.

He wrote the book for families and to challenge how society defines mental illness. He hopes to help others by offering a better understanding of the thought processes and emotions behind some of the day-to-day symptoms of schizophrenia.

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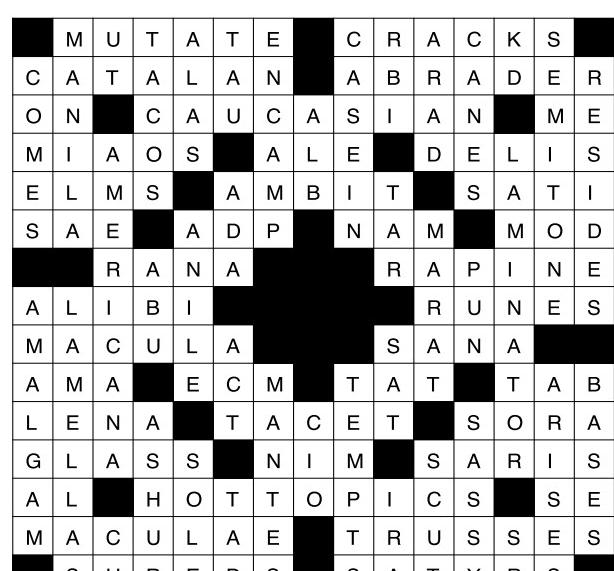
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Residents attain honors at Holyoke Catholic

CHICOPEE – The following local residents were among students named to the third-quarter honor roll at Holyoke Catholic High School:

Grade 9 – First Honors: Lauren Fedor, Alexa Keough, and Brian Modzelesky.

Grade 10 – First Honors: Meredyth Clifford, Natalie Koziol and Abigail Malouin.

Grade 11 – First Honors: Amanda Rose Benoit and Arbaaz Khan; Second Honors: Lauren Muszynski; Honorable Mention: Jude Giordano.

Grade 12 – First Honors: Lauren Malone and Simiao (Samira) You.

Campus Notes...

Westfield State University: Luda Polevoy and Chris Brooks, of Agawam, and Carole Duquette, of Feeding Hills, were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Boy Scout breakfast to benefit food pantry

Agawam Boy Scout Troop 82 will hold its annual pancake breakfast this Saturday, May 3, from 8-11:30 a.m. at the Firehouse Restaurant on the Big E fairgrounds in West Springfield. Tickets are \$5 per person and parking is free for those with a ticket.

The Scouts will also accept donations of non-perishable food items to support the food pantry. Bring an item and have your name entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to Waniewski Farms and/or IHop Restaurant.

Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 5: Chicken fajitas served over rice with Mexican corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, May 6: Barbeque rib on whole-wheat roll, reduced-fat chips, steamed carrots, fresh and chilled fruit.

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Thursday, May 8: Ultra grain stuffed crust pizza round, salad w/lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

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AHS students among ICC scholarship winners

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. (ICC) will honor eight high school seniors who received Italian Cultural Center Scholarships, Tuesday, May 13, at St. Anne Country Club.

The Italian Cultural Center Scholarships, sponsored by ICC members, the ICC and UNICO, recognizes the accomplishments of young people of Italian heritage and to support their further studies.

Among the students to be honored are Agawam High School seniors Sydney Cassell, who was awarded the \$1,000 Anthony J. Forastiere Memorial Scholarship, and Kelsey Planzo, the recipient of a \$500 Aurelia and Italo Gavazzi Scholarship, and Emily Renaud, the recipient of a \$500 Springfield UNICO Scholarship.

The recipients will be honored at the ICC's Annual Scholarship Banquet Tuesday, May 13, at 6 p.m. at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills. This event is open to members and non-members. Reservations are required. The cost is \$35 per person.

For reservations, call Sandi Vella at (413) 736-8502. Deadline for reservations is May 5.

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Fishing derby lunkers

Derby attendees line the banks of Tarkill Brook.



Chad Skinner, of Hampden, took home 1st place with his 1.9-pound trout.



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The first- and second-place trophies shimmer in the sun.



Courtney Groman, of Barkhamsted, Conn., has been coming to fish at the Mawaga Sporting Club since she was a toddler.



Megan Moran, 6, of Westfield, carries around a small catch.

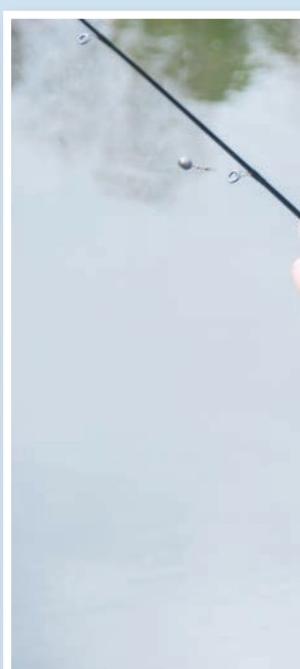
The Mawaga Sporting Club held its 25th annual springtime Lunker Trout Derby on Sunday, April 27, at Tarkill Brook. The public fishing event featured a stocked pond, bait, breakfast, lunch and raffle prizes along with four cash prizes for the two largest trout caught, random-sized trout and for catching the tagged fish. The club will hold its 16th annual fall trout derby on Sunday, Oct. 19. No license is required.



A 1.05-pound trout gets weighed.



Ernie Leithoff, left, runs the Mawaga Sporting Club in Springfield, weighs his trout.



Charlie Karpells, of Easthampton, Mass., catches a trout.



Rebecca Gavel, 9, of



The weighing station as Michael Lyncosky, of West Springfield, put in at 1.05 pounds.



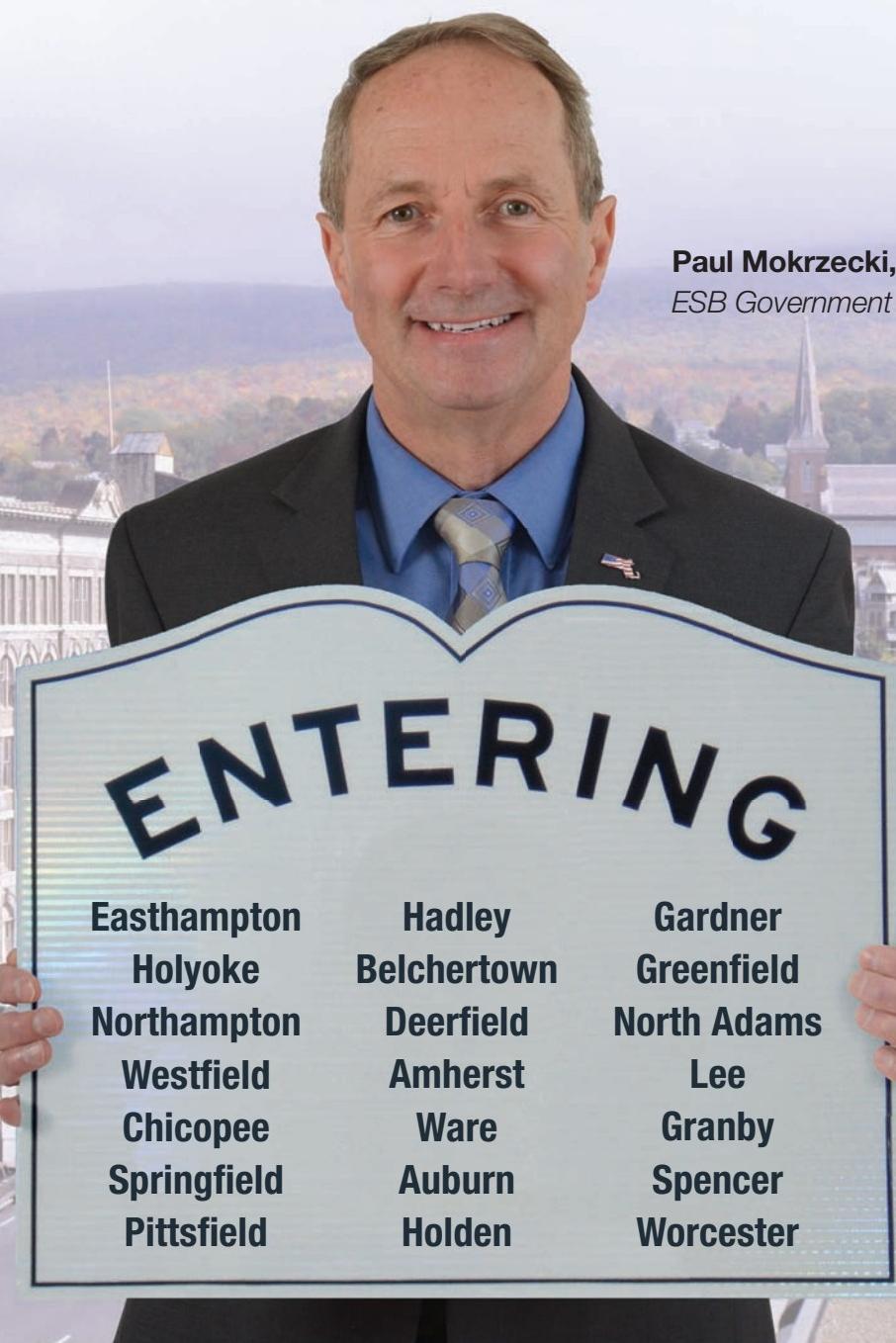
Longmeadow, hooks his bait.



Chicopee Falls, casts her line.

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SPORTS

Brownies hold off Minnechaug charge

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM — Agawam jumped out to an early lead, but Minnechaug inched their way back, falling just short as the Brownies pulled off a 6-4 victory in boys lacrosse action last Thursday afternoon.

The Brownies took advantage of their balanced attack, getting goals from five different players in the game. They also had a 3-0 lead after one quarter, forcing the Falcons to play catchup for the remainder of the game.

Scoring was at a premium early in the game as both teams played excellent defense during the first few minutes of the game. Agawam had a couple of chances to score, but could not push across the first goal during their first possession.

Later in the first quarter, the Brownies were finally able to connect as Chris Breault took possession of the ball. He made some evasive maneuvers against the defense before going all by himself to the goal and scoring the first one.

of the game with 8:48 remaining. John Colwell and Zach Circosta got together on the second game goal as Brownies scored about 2:00 later.

Circosta held possession of the ball on the outside and passed to an oncoming Colwell, who scored to make it 2-0 Agawam.

Colwell would then pick up an assist on the next goal as he fed an excellent pass to Elijah Bard. Bard made a high hard shot at the goal to give the Brownies a 3-0 lead, which is the way the first quarter ended.

The Brownies tried a couple of different approaches to start the second quarter, but no one was able to break through with a clean shot early in the quarter.

Sam Christman was able to get a low shot in the goal to make the score 3-1.

Agawam got a goal back after that, but 'Chaug was able to make it 4-2 at halftime.

The Brownies and Falcons would then split the second half 2-2 with each team scoring single goals in the third and fourth quarters.

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Chris Basile holds the ball for Agawam while Minnechaug's Ryan Mack tries to block his path.



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Agawam High School senior Adam Ardolino recently received the 2014 Raymond STEC Award for Outstanding Western Mass Diver. Ardolino is pictured with Agawam High School principal Steve Lemanski and Athletics Director Dave Stratton.

Ardolino finishes career with big splash

Receives STEC Award

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM — Agawam High School Senior Diver Adam Ardolino was recently given the 2014 Raymond STEC Award for being an outstanding diver.

He received the award two weeks ago in a ceremony that included Athletics Director David Stratton and Principal Steve Lemanski.

The award culminated a very successful senior year for Ardolino, who says he will not continue diving when he enters college in the fall.

"This is a really great way to finish my high school career," said Ardolino, who finished second in Western Mass. in the diving competition and went on to the state championships, where he finished 17th.

Ardolino said he was inspired
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Brownies go through tough stretch

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM — It has been a rough couple of weeks for the Agawam baseball team, which won their first game of the season, but has not won since that time.

Though it is still April, the Brownies are actually against the brink elimination as they fell to 1-9 with four losses last week.

Because of postponements, the Brownies had to play four games in four days, starting last Tuesday when they were defeated at Pittsfield. They then lost to Minnechaug last Wednesday, Holyoke last Thursday, and then finals rematch against Westfield last Friday afternoon.

The Brownies met in a rematch from last year's Western Massachusetts Division 1 final with Westfield.

Westfield was able to get to starter Joe Cardaropoli for nine hits and seven runs. Troy Gallerani struggled in a short relief outing that lasted 1 2-3 innings. He allowed six runs on seven hits.

Matt Irzyk pitched well for the Bombers as he went five innings and allowed just one run on four hits to get the win.

Agawam struggled on offense with Seamus Curran and Cam Rivest picking up two hits each. Curran scored the team's only run in the fourth inning.

The Brownies had a much closer game against Holyoke as they came all the way back from being down 6-0 and tied the score with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. But an Emil Morales



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Troy Gallerani fires a pitch for the Brownies.

RBI in the seventh inning gave Holyoke an 8-7 win.

Aaron Reed, Holyoke's big hitting first baseman, socked a long triple to the gap for Holyoke to put a runner on third base with one out in the top of the seventh inning. Then Morales came up and sent a grounder that scored Reed from third.

The Brownies were not able to push across a run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Agawam got two triples from

Curran. He scored twice and drove in a run. Anthony Ingham would go 2-for-3 and drove in two runs. Rivest had a huge 3-for-5 day with a pair of runs scored and an RBI.

Austin Sabadosa, who was recently called up from the junior varsity level, went 3-for-4 and had two RBI. Sabadosa is the younger brother of standout Zach Sabadosa, the former Agawam catcher. Austin is also a catcher.

With a 1-9 record, Agawam needs to win nine of their final 10. **Please see BASEBALL, page 14**

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Both teams played well on defense with Bobby Koziol leading another great effort by the Brownies.

Tahir Blair picked up the victory with 20 saves. Brett Jones had a good effort for Minnechaug with 14 saves.

Christman finished with two goals while Andrew Fidalgo and Nicholas Beauchamp also scored. Breault scored twice for Agawam. Anthony Saccomani and Chris Basile also scored for the Brownies.

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Agawam's Chris Breault and Minnechaug's Dan Gorman fight for a loose ball.



Chris Breault tries to field a loose ball.

Local Boston Marathon finishers

BOSTON - The 118th running of the Boston Marathon took place on Monday, April 21.

Listed below are the individuals from the area who took part in the race.

PLACE	NAME	TOWN	TIME
3937	Michael P. Lescarbeau	Agawam	3:09:02
4504	Andy Brower	Agawam	3:11:47
9357	Brian C. McCarthy	Agawam	3:30:03
11497	Kevin M. Pfau	Feeding Hills	3:37:06
12940	Richard S. Clark	Feeding Hills	3:41:43
26450	Michael J. Blanchette	Agawam	4:52:55
26796	Kathy L. McCarthy	Agawam	4:55:50
30245	Tanya K. Moriarty	Feeding Hills	5:42:19

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Agawam bats wipe out Ludlow

Wheeler holds Lady Lions to two hits

By **Gregory A. Scibelli**

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AGAWAM - Other than one blemish early in the season, the Agawam softball team is playing well on all cylinders as they upped their regular season record to 8-1, beating Ludlow, 10-0, last Friday afternoon.

The Brownies had no problems getting the bats working as they pounded out 13 hits and put up some impressive offense.

Meanwhile, sophomore starting pitcher Ali Wheeler continued to show her stuff as she pitched a two-hitter and struck out 11 hitters.

Ludlow got both of their hits in the first inning, notching a couple of soft hits to put two runners on with one out. But Wheeler would work her way out with a couple of pop outs to finish the innings.

Danielle Stratton got things going immediately in the bottom of the inning by reaching on an infield hit. She beat out a routine grounder with great speed.

After a fielder's choice put Rachel Japanese on base, Taylor Marcotte continued the inning with a single.

One out later, Jess Lingenberg hit the first of two triples on the day in the gap, plating both runs to give Agawam a 2-0 lead. Mary Kate Reidy would chase home Lingenberg with a single to complete the first inning scoring.

In the third, Japanese would lead off, and got things going with a triple to the right-center gap. Marcotte would follow with a single scoring her teammate. Maria Moccio would follow with a base hit to put a pair of runners on base to set the table once again for Lingenberg.

Lingenberg would hit ball hard again, finding another gap and scoring both runners. She then came home herself on a sacrifice fly by Reidy to make it 7-0 Agawam.

Stratton would lead off the fourth inning and reach on an error at third base. Japanese would walk to put runners on first and second. Moccio would then single home Stratton to make it 8-0. Reidy would hit a sacrifice fly to left to send home Japanese with the ninth run of the game.

The Brownies would go on to score a run in the sixth inning.



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Agawam's Ali Wheeler fired a two-hitter against Ludlow last Friday afternoon.

For Agawam, Stratton, Moccio, Marcotte, Lingenberg, and Katie Grasso had two hits each. Reidy drove in three runs without getting a base hit, and Lingenberg also drove in three runs.

Gina Anselmo had a tough outing for Ludlow, going six innings and allowing 10 runs on 13 hits. She walked one. Wheeler walked two in her complete game outing as she continued to hold Ludlow winless this season.

The Brownies will host Belchertown Friday at 4 p.m.



Agawam's Jess Lingenberg makes solid contact on one of her two triples for her team that day.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Wheeler ties for second at CCC Invitational

SPRINGFIELD - Junior Kevin Wheeler, of Agawam, and sophomore Colin Whitney, of Longmeadow, tied for second place to help the Nichols College golf team to a third-place finish at the 2014 Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Invitational Sunday at Franconia Golf Course.

Wheeler and Whitney both finished with a two-day total of 147; Wheeler posted a 73 on his scorecard Saturday and a 74 Sunday (+3).

Grassetti climbing scoring ranks

WORCESTER - Worcester State women's lacrosse junior and Agawam resident Angela Grassetti moved into a tie for 15th place on the program's all-time scoring list following a pair of big performances last week.

She scored a hat trick and won a trio of draws in a 15-9 victory over Salem State on Wednesday, April 23.

She then had a goal and two assists in a 14-9 win over Fitchburg State on Saturday, April 26.

Grassetti moved into a tie with Kim Massa (2005-2006) for 15th place.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Agawam Bowmen to hold 3-D Mother's Day shoot

AGAWAM - The Agawam Bowmen Club will hold their second of four 3-D archery shoots on Mother's Day, May 11, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., 309 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick.

Food and drink will be available.

The public is welcome to shoot or check out the club.

There is a \$10 fee to shoot.

Future shoot dates are Aug. 17 and Sept. 28.

For more information, call 413-569-1963.

Registration open for Boater Safety Course

AGAWAM - The Massachusetts Environmental Police will host a Boater Safety Course, Tuesday, May 6 from 6:15 to 9 p.m. at the Roberta G. Doering School cafeteria, 68 Main St.

Boat Massachusetts is a state and nationally approved boating safety course, concentrating on the equipment and operating guidelines needed to enjoy boating in a safe and responsible way.

All graduates in the 12- through 15-year-old age group will be issued a safety certificate allowing them to operate a motorboat without adult supervision, as required by state law. The same is true for 16- and 17-year-old youth who wish to operate a personal watercraft (jet ski, wave runner, etc.)

The course runs 10-12 hours in length. All classes are free of charge. Classes are for adults and youth 12 years of age and older. Family participation is encouraged and has proven to be very rewarding. Attendance at all class dates is required for course completion.

To register, visit www.mass.gov/ole. For more information on the course, visit www.mass.gov/dewebe/dle/.

Youth Fishing Day set for June 1

AGAWAM - The West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills, will host the third Annual Bob "Who" Rennell Memorial Agawam Youth Fishing Day, Sunday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Open to all Agawam youth 16 and under as well as club members and their children, no fishing license is required for this event. Food and beverages will be available and there will be free raffles for the kids. Bait will be offered free of the charge at the clubhouse.

Sacred Heart still looking for softball players

AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Athletic Association softball leagues are still accepting

signups for the following age groups.

U-14 NEYSA team, U-12 NEYSA team, Coach pitch league grades third, second and first.

The cost for instructional coach pitch softball (first, second and third grades) is \$75 and NEYSA is \$100.

Contact George at 374-2283 for more information or to register.

Crestview Ladies League open to the public

AGAWAM - Crestview Country Club's ParTee Ladies Golf League is preparing for another season of golf and is open to all women golfers, from the competitive to the "just for fun" golfer.

There are a limited number of spots left.

Cost is \$70 to join, which includes weekly prizes, special events and a final banquet, also with prizes and year-end gifts.

For more information, contact Kay Soja by phone at 413-789-7901 or e-mail sojacatherine54@comcast.net.

Inaugural 5K color run

WESTFIELD - The inaugural 5K Color Our House run will take place on Saturday, May 3, hosted by Westfield State University.

Registration is \$10 and begins at 8:30 a.m. with the race at 10 a.m.

Please register online at runreg.com.

For more information, go to colorhouse.org.

Owls to hold football clinic

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University football program is hosting a clinic for players ages 13-18 on Aug. 6-8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Westfield State coaching staff and current college players will provide instruction. The focus of the clinic will be on offensive and defensive fundamentals.

The cost is \$50 per day or \$120 for all three days. There is a \$10 daily discount for registering before May 23.

Contact Westfield State assistant football coach Vijay Saxena at vsaxena@westfield.ma.edu or 413-572-5420, for additional information or questions.

Basketball camp at Westfield State

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University basketball camp for boys and girls ages 7 to 15 years old will be held July 7-11.

Contact women's basketball head coach Andrea Bertini at 413-572-8105 or abertini@westfield.ma.edu for questions and additional information.

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games to qualify for the tournament by the .500 rule. In the Valley League, Agawam stands last at 1-4, but only trails second place by two games.

Agawam will try to get things going again on Monday when they play against Cathe-

dral at Forest Park in Springfield 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

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Shortstop Joe Cardaropoli makes a great play and throw to first on the run.

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to dive while he was in middle school.

"Both of my brothers were on the swimming team and I did not really have a sport that I liked to play," said Ardolino. "So I decided to give it a try and started swimming."

He joined the Agawam Piranhas, the local youth swimming programs. They only do swimming events, so Ardolino was still not introduced to diving.

"I did all right with the swimming events, but it took me a while to get better," said Ardolino.

He picked up diving when he entered high school and began jumping off the one-meter diving board utilized at the high school level.

"I found that diving came more natural to me," said Ardolino.

While he remained a member of the swimming and diving team, he also excelled in academics, and maintained a 3.7 grade point average throughout his high school career. He joined the National Honor Society and balanced schoolwork and diving.



Seamus Curran makes a difficult play on a popup in the wind.

"It's a lot of commitment and a lot of hours balancing schoolwork and a sport," said Ardolino.

After he completed the season, he was happy to have gotten as far as he did in Western Mass. and was set to complete his career when he learned he received the award.

"I think I was more proud of this award than I was of finishing second and going to the state competition," said Ardolino. "I worked really hard to balance everything and was glad to see it paid off."

The STEC award is given to an outstanding male and female area diver. The award includes academic achievement as one of the criteria.

Ardolino says he will be attending Western New England University this fall and will pursue a degree in accounting with a double major in finance.

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Upcoming events at St. David's Church

Chicken parmesan dinner

St. David's Episcopal Church, located at 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a chicken parmesan dinner Monday, May 5, at 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to treat mom early for Mother's Day. The dinner will also include penne pasta, salad, Italian bread, beverages and a choice of carrot cake or pineapple upside down cake for dessert. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 through 12, may be reserved by calling 786-6133 or purchased following Sunday's 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. Plenty of safe parking is available on-site.

5K Run/Walk

Rev. Harvey Hill, the active new rector of St. David's Episcopal Church, is an avid hiker and runner and has hiked the entire Appa-

lachian Trail in sections. The public is invited to join him in a 5K Run/Walk to benefit the ministry to youth, Saturday, May 31. Registration will take place beginning at 8 a.m. inside the church, at which time all sponsor sheets and monies must be turned in. Free, safe parking is available at the church. The walk/run will begin at 9 a.m., initially with a police escort. The course winds its way through Feeding Hills up to Robinson Park and back to the church. A free luncheon will be served to all participants following the event, and a prize awarded to the person who raises the most money through his/her participation.

Sponsor sheets are available at the church or may be requested by leaving a message at 786-6133. All money raised will support the children's program at St. David's.

Chicken dinner at First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church, located at 760 Main St., Agawam, will host a chicken dinner Saturday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$12 for adults, \$4 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under.

Reservations, which are required by Wednesday, May 14, may be made by calling Lynda at 786-1993 or the church at 786-7300.

Arts

ACC seeks new members

The Agawam Cultural Council will meet Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public. If you have an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town, a great opportunity exists with the Agawam Cultural Council (ACC). This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the

mayor and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members.

The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

Majestic children's theater holding auditions

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Auditions for the upcoming summer season of children's theater at the Majestic Theater will be held Saturday, April 26, from 2-6 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, from 6-9 p.m. at the West Springfield theater.

Actors between the ages of 13-19 are being sought for roles in the three summer productions, "Pinocchio," "Fantastic Mr. Fox" and

"Hansel & Gretel: A Musical." The Majestic is also searching for a young male actor between 8-12 years old to play "Pinocchio."

If interested, call the Majestic box office at (413) 747-7797 during business hours or (413) 209-7219 during nights or weekends to schedule an audition time.

The three shows will be performed in rotation during the months of July and August.

ICC to host Italian liqueur class

SPRINGFIELD — The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. (ICC) will host a limoncello-making class to be held Saturday, June 21, from 1-3 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Center, 56 Margaret St., Springfield.

The public is invited to attend and learn how to make this delicious Italian lemon liqueur. This class is for adults only. An instructor will guide participants through a hands-on demonstration. The recipe and supplies will be provided. A sample of limoncello will be provided to take home.

Space is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Stephanie at (860) 305-1175 or email to CookingwICC@comcast.net to request a registration form and to check seating availability. Payment must be received by June 13 to guarantee a seat.

Mail name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$25 for both ICC members and non-members to Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Limoncello-Making, 56 Margaret St., Springfield, MA 01105.

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Funeral April 25, 2014
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White, Edith I.
Died April 22, 2014
Funeral April 28, 2014
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Doris M. Kellogg 1920-2014

Doris Kellogg, 94, passed away at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. She was born to the late John William Hamilton and Ida Marguerite Matchett, of Canada. She was married to Alvin R. Kellogg, Jr., who passed away in 2007. Doris was very active in the Agawam community. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Women's Club of Agawam. Doris worked alongside her husband being on the board of directors for the Springfield Street Cemetery and holding many administrative assistant jobs throughout her life. She worked at the Eastern States Farmers Exchange and the Federal Savings Bank of Springfield. She leaves behind her children, Edward A. Kellogg and wife Joyce Humphrey of South Carolina; Sandra Dunnett of Canada; brother Donald and Ellen Grant of Maine; grandchildren Robert Dunnell and Carolyn Herkner of Canada, Tracy L. Kellogg-Bordeur and husband Keith of North Carolina and David A. Kellogg of Northampton. She also leaves great-grandchildren Richard E. Dunnett, Zoe P. Kellogg-Bordeur and Fiona L. Kellogg-Bordeur. Doris was predeceased by her sister Merle V. Robert. Calling hours were held at the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Thursday, April 24 with a funeral home service Friday, April 25 at the Springfield Street Cemetery. Donations in Doris's name may be made to the Shiners Children Hospital located at 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. www.forastierefuneralhome.com.



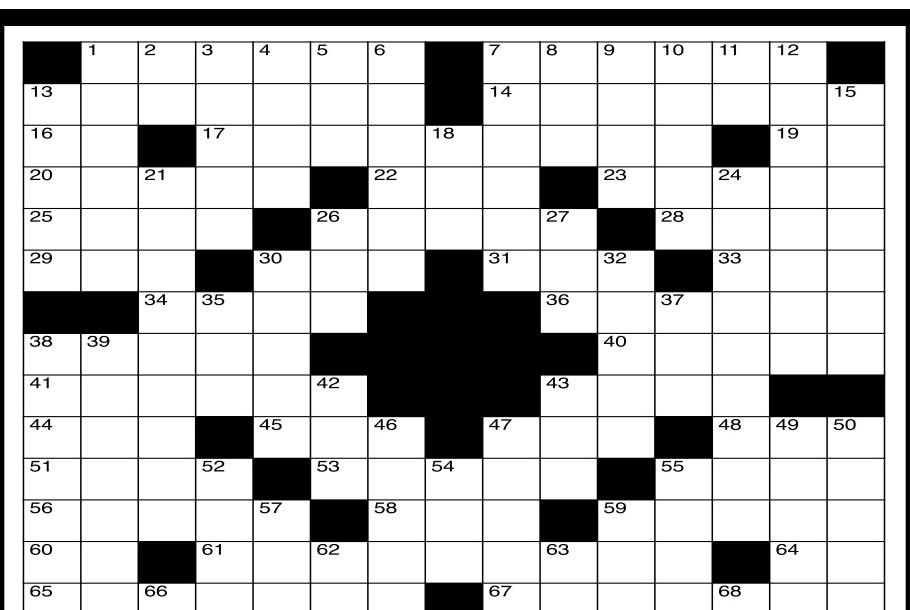
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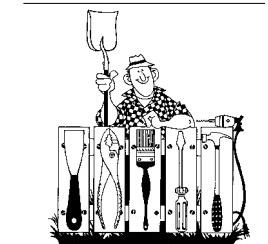
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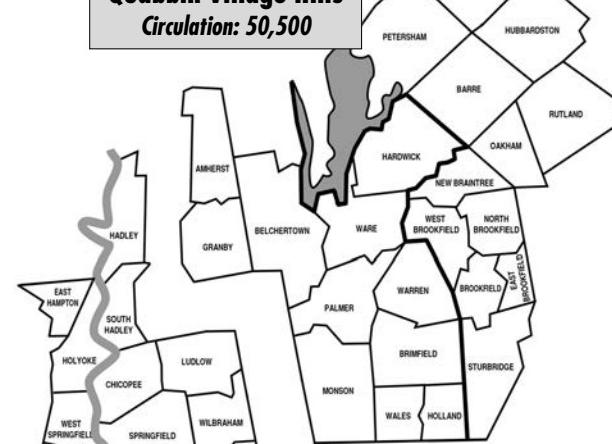
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Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote "free" events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, May 2

THE RELAY FOR LIFE OF AGAWAM TEAMS Nellie's Knockers and Jan's Jokers will host a fundraiser at Collins Tavern in West Springfield from 5-9 p.m. There will be raffles and a 50/50.

FAITH UNITED CHURCH, 52 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will hold its annual rummage sale in Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. The event includes clothes, jewelry, household and vintage items. Proceeds from the rummage sale benefit the missions of the Guild.

A RUMMAGE SALE including perennial plants, Rada cutlery and a variety of home baked goods will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m.-noon at First Congregational Church (at the rotary), 7 Somers Road, East Longmeadow.

Saturday, May 3

THE "BOYS" WHO BUILT THE PARK, a free guided walk with a park educator, will take place from 9-11:30 a.m. at Robinson State Park in Agawam. See what these young men built using sweat and stone and see their camp. Three miles, rolling terrain, mud possible. Meet at the Route 187 pull off, across from 911 Burgers and Dogs. Heavy rain cancels. Call (413) 584-6788 to check.

THE AGAWAM RELAY FOR LIFE Team Jan's Jokers will host a Derby Day event at Murphy's Pub from 4:30-7 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle, hat contest for the ladies and Mint Juleps being served. The public is invited.

THE AGAWAM RELAY FOR LIFE Team Friends will host a tag sale at 182 Rowley St., Agawam, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with something for everyone, including household items, toys and games. Bring the kids!

Sunday, May 4

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by John Howell, Wood Museum of Springfield History, highlighting "Jenny Lind: The Swedish Nightingale." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap-accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

A FREE BREAKFAST ON THE LAWN is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Hope Community Church located at 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Everyone is welcome on the "hill" for a good breakfast and good fellowship. For more information, call (413) 786-2445 or email office@hopechurchagawam.org.

Monday, May 5

THE WILD AND SCENIC WESTFIELD RIVER COMMITTEE will host a workshop on "Walkin' the Watershed." Learn the basics and how-to of becoming a river steward for a section of the river. To register and for more information, call Meredyth Babcock at (413) 623-2070 or visit volunteer@wildscenicwestfieldriver.org.

Tuesday, May 6

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("The More the Merrier") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature guest artists Chris Devine, violin; Michael Nix, banjo and guitar; Greg Snedeker, cello. Free refreshments provided. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

Wednesday, May 7

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THE 10TH ANNUAL SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL at Agawam High School. There will be a visual arts display in the rotunda start-

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State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, left, met with Steve & Jean Graham, owners of Toner Plastics, Inc., in Agawam, recently to discuss issues facing small business owners and the manufacturing industry. Toner Plastics makes the Wonder Loom – an amazing manufacturing success story.

ing at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m., the chorale and honors choirs will sing choral, gospel and pop sounds in the auditorium. Don't miss the Belle-Tones and enthusiastic sensation, Turn Up the Bass. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door.

THE AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM has partnered with Primerica to offer a complimentary financial workshop to explore different types of savings accounts, practical ways to debt reduction, retirement savings strategies, college savings ideas, life insurance and more. It will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. Registration is not required.

A PERFORMANCE OF "MABEL AND JERRY," a comedy in one act by Steve Henderson, will be held at 2 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Jerry and Mabel are people with a lust for life, determined to find excitement, humor and love any way they can. This program, supported in part by the Agawam Cultural Council, is open to the public. For more information, call (413) 821-0405.

Thursday, May 8

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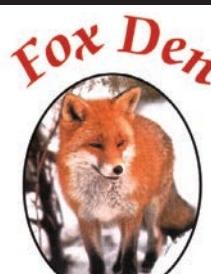
CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The Romantic Roots of Steampunk" featuring Lynne Z. Bassett, costume and textile historian, at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For more information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

A FREE "WALKIN' THE WATERSHED" Wild & Scenic Westfield River workshop will take place Saturday, May 10. Participants will meet at Buckley Dunton Lake in Becket at 9 a.m. Join Meredyth Babcock to learn how to conduct a visual survey that helps protect and enhance the watershed. Call (413) 623-2070 to sign up for the training. For more information, visit www.westfieldriverwildscenic.org.

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Providing adult and elderly care an 'honor and privilege' for Agawam nurse

May 6-12 is National Nurses Week

SPRINGFIELD – Aging – it's a part of the life cycle. As we grow older, access to quality adult care becomes more essential than ever, especially for the increasing number of baby-boomers now reaching retirement age.

With such demand for geriatric care on the rise, passionate and experienced nurse educators like Lea Stein, RN, of Agawam, who works at Baystate High Street Health Center – Adult Medicine, are making a difference by helping to train healthcare professionals there in the art of caring for the elderly.

"It's an honor and a privilege to serve these elders," said Stein, who brings her expertise to the hospital's Geriatric Fellowship Program. "They come to us with such rich lives and interesting histories and there's always something I can do to improve their lives and that's so fantastic."

Originally a maternity nurse after graduating with from the old St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Hartford back in 1982, Stein joined Baystate Health four years ago.

"Helping others has always been an important tradition in my family," said Stein. "My dad was a pharmacist, and as a teenager I always worked in the pharmacy with him. Also, my mother and grandmother were both teachers. So, my family has always worked in the 'human helping' professions. They were truly role models for me in life, and I believe I appreciate the wisdom of elders all the more because of what my parents taught me."

Beginning with National Nurses Day on May 6, nurses around the country like Stein, including others at Baystate Health facilities throughout the area, are being honored as leaders who improve the quality of health care. Nurses practice in diverse roles, such as clinicians, administrators, researchers,



educators and policymakers.

Sponsored by the American Nurses Association, National Nurses Week has as its 2014 theme, "Nurses: Leading the Way," recognizing nurses as leaders at the bedside, in the boardroom, throughout communities and in the halls of government. The public holds nurses in high regard and trusts them to advocate for patients. For the past 12 years, the public has ranked nursing as the top profession for honesty and ethics in an annual Gallup survey.

Red Cross announces upcoming blood drives

The American Red Cross will hold the following blood drives during the month of May.

Monday, May 5: Noon-6 p.m., Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.

Friday, May 23: Noon-6 p.m., Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St.

All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed every day to ensure an adequate

blood supply for patients in need.

Donors also have the chance to win two Boston Red Sox tickets and to be honored at Fenway Park as the "Blood Donor of the Game!" Prizes are non-transferrable and not redeemable for cash.

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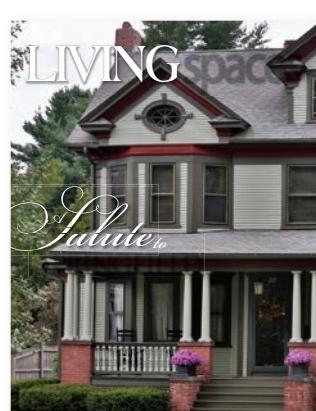
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